

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



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FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1488 - HB 2094**

March 24, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes all current graduation requirements and authorizes students to receive a high school diploma who complete all grade 12 requirements.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On March 20, 2009, we issued a fiscal note for this bill indicating a *decrease in state expenditures of \$8,000,000, a decrease in local expenditures exceeding \$500,000, and an other fiscal impact- Removal of assessment tests will place the state in non-compliance with No Child Left Behind Act, placing in jeopardy federal Title I funds totaling \$250,000,000.* On March 24, we received additional information regarding this bill. The fiscal impact was in error and has been corrected.

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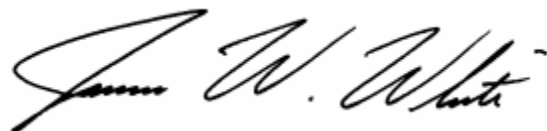
**Other Fiscal Impact – No impact on state or local government. The state receives Title I funds totaling approximately \$250,000,000. If Tennessee were to end testing, this funding may be put in jeopardy.**

Assumptions:

- The State Board of Education (SBOE) will retain the authority to require testing under its authority to make requirements for K-12 education under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302. The State Board will promulgate rules and regulations mandating that testing continue as a graduation requirement.
- Since the bill is not effective until January, 1, 2010, the SBOE will be able to promulgate rules before that date, therefore there should not be any impact on state, local, or federal funds. Federal requirements under “No Child Left Behind” mandate assessment testing. If the state were to end assessment tests the state would be in non-compliance with federal regulations, jeopardizing Title I federal funding of approximately \$250,000,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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